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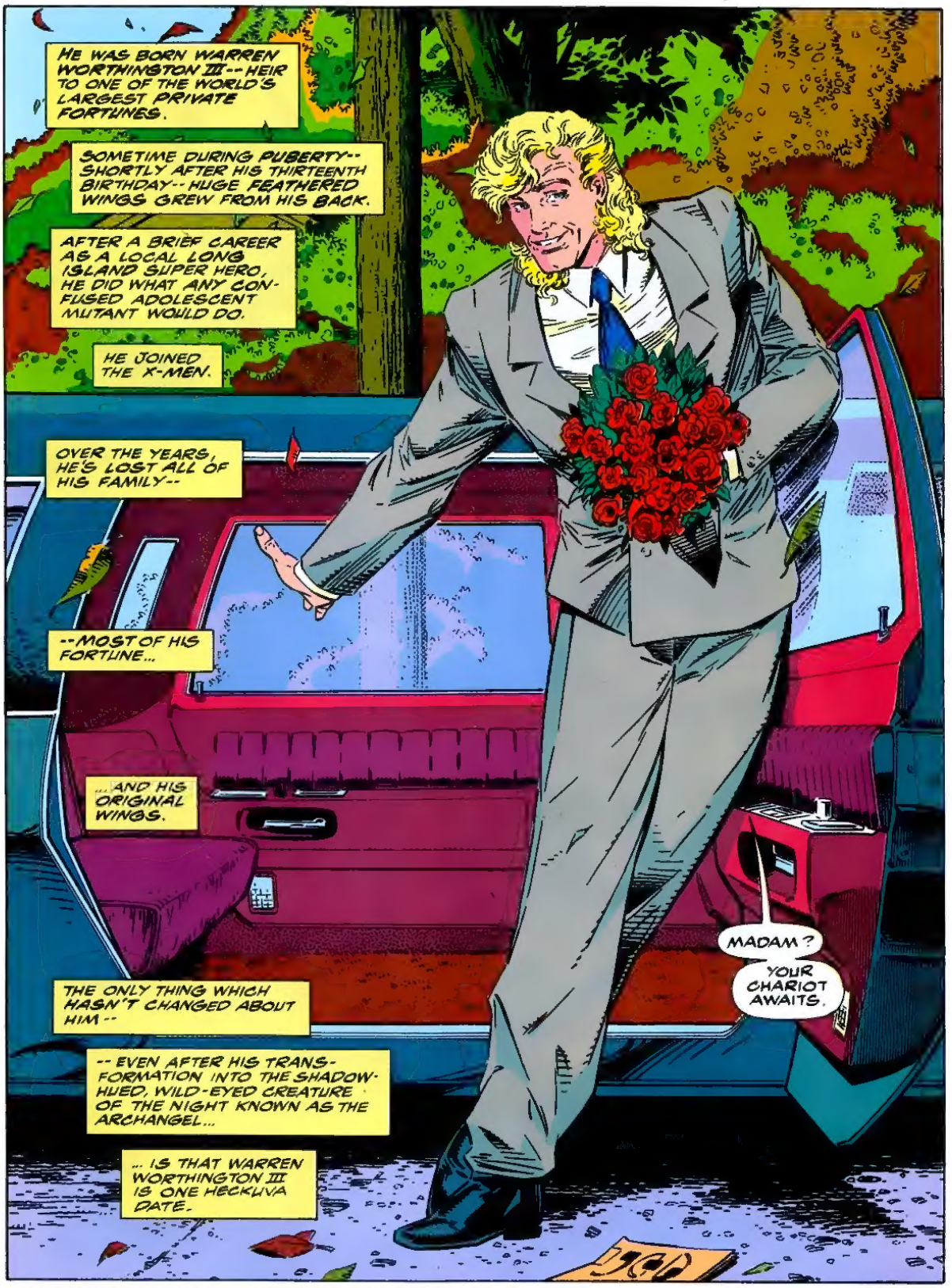

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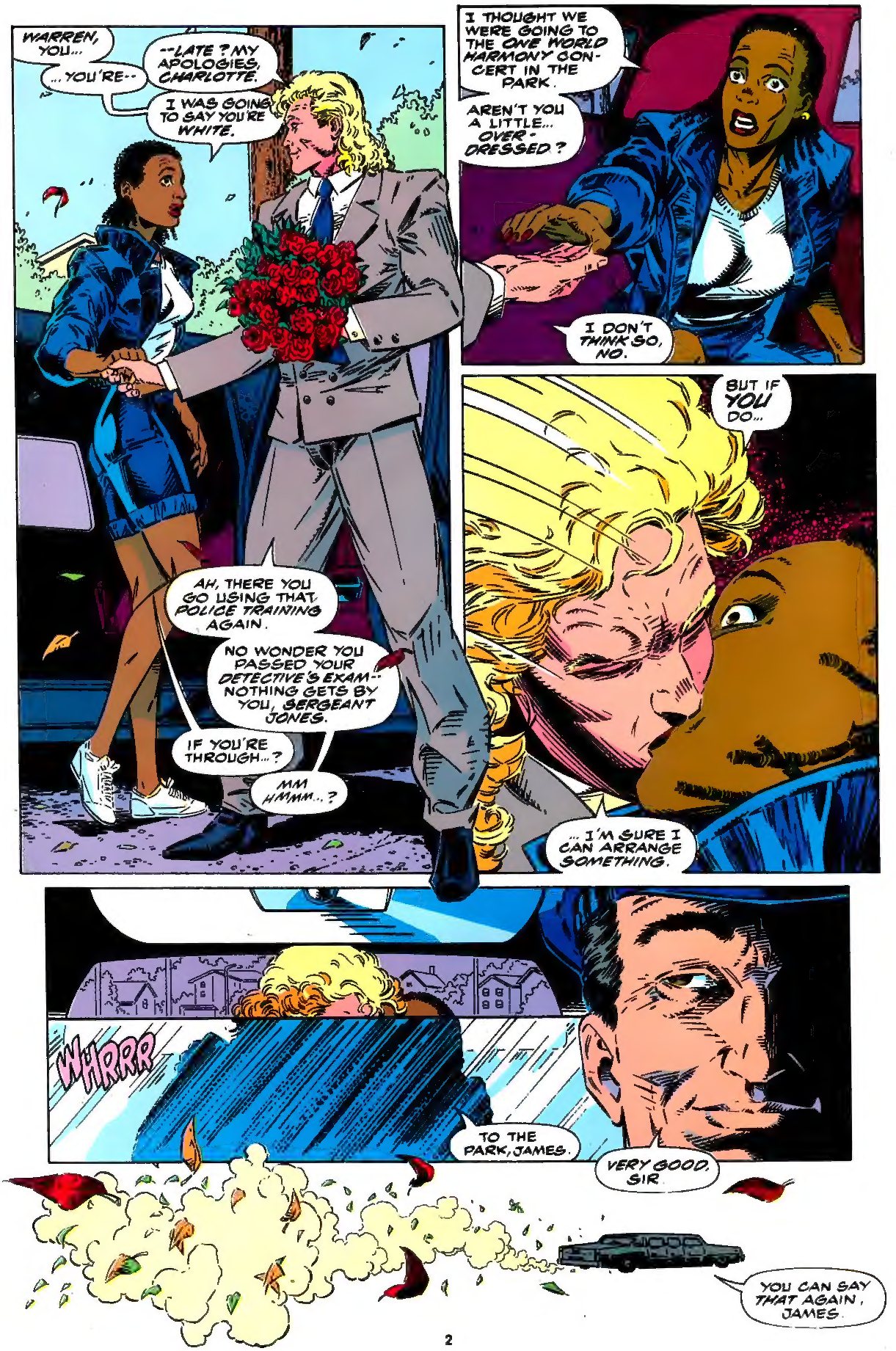
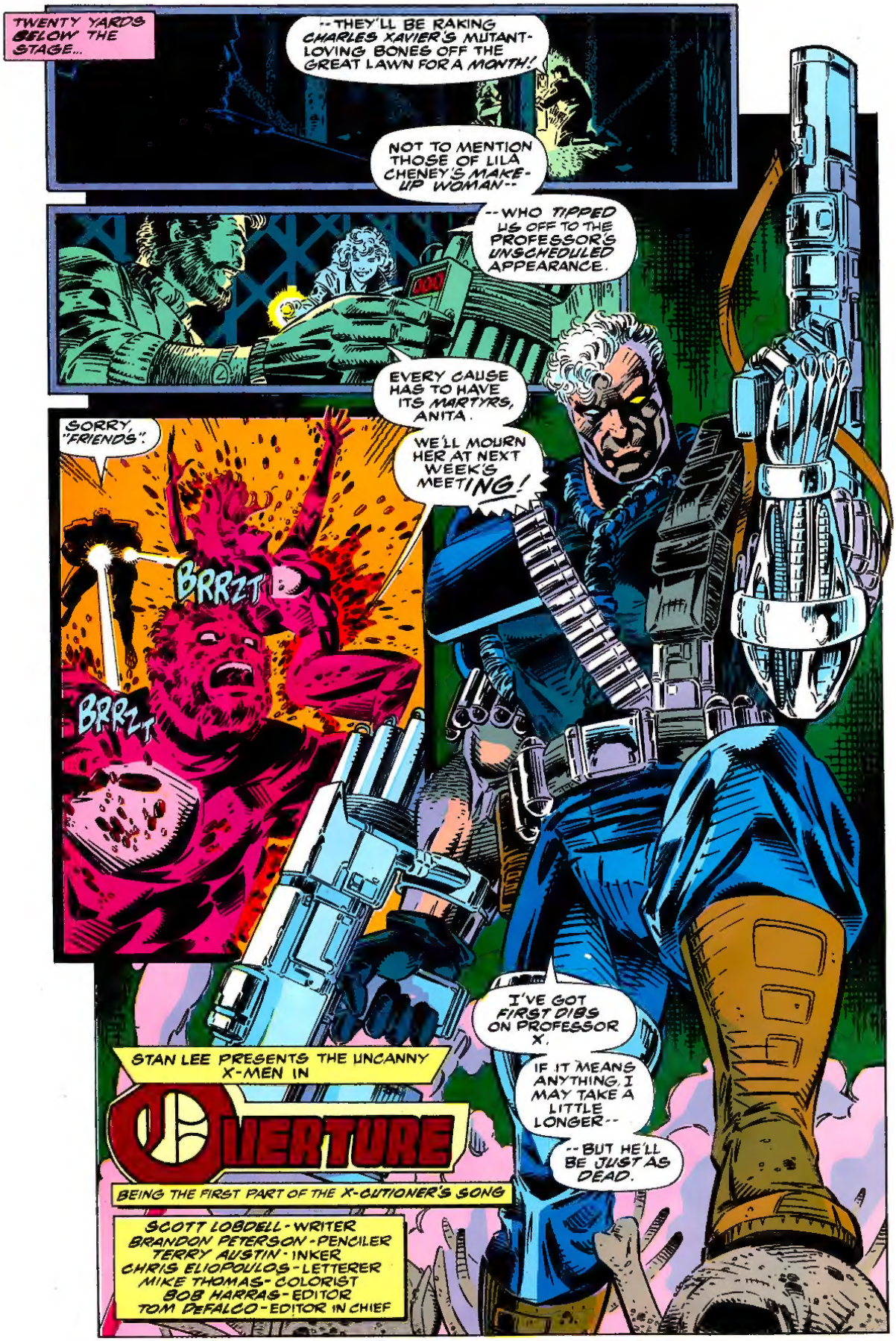

WARREN, YOU...
...YOU'RE--
--LATE? MY APOLOGIES, CHARLOTTE.
I WAS GOING TO SAY YOU'RE WHITE.
AH, THERE YOU GO USING THAT POLICE TRAINING AGAIN.
NO WONDER YOU PASSED YOUR DETECTIVE'S EXAM-- NOTHING GETS BY YOU, SERGEANT JONES.
IF YOU'RE THROUGH...?
MM HMMM...?
I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO THE ONE WORLD HARMONY CONCERT IN THE PARK.
AREN'T YOU A LITTLE... OVER-DRESSED?
I DON'T THINK SO, NO.
BUT IF YOU DO...
... I'M SURE I CAN ARRANGE SOMETHING.
WHRRR
TO THE PARK, JAMES.
VERY GOOD, SIR.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, JAMES.

CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY...
THIS SCENARIO IS UNACCEP-TABLE.
THERE MUST BE SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE HERE!
WHAT'S WRONG, SHUGAH-- THEY DON'T HOLD FREE ROCK CONCERTS IN THE FUTURE?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M COMPLAINING ABOUT, ROGUE-- AND YOU KNOW IT!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO MAINTAIN ANY SECURITY PARAM-ETER AROUND THE PROFESSOR UNDER THESE CONDITIONS?
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BISHOP, THE X-MEN MANAGED TO FUNCTION AS THE MUTANT TEAM SUPREME--
--LONG BEFORE YA STUMBLED INT' CAMP XAVIER T' TELL US PEONS HOW IT'S DONE.
WHY DO I GET THE IMPRESSION YOU'RE STILL ANGRY ABOUT THAT BLUE-BERRY PIE INCIDENT.*
PLEASE. I'M ABOVE THAT SORT O' THING.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YA' GOING ON ABOUT.
'SIDES, IT WAS BOYSENBERRY.
* X-MEN #8.--Bob
I'M UP NEXT, CHARLES.
ARE YOU SURE THE MASSES ARE READY FOR THIS?
READY TO LISTEN TO THE CALL FOR BROTHERHOOD, FOR PEACEFUL COEXIS-TENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND MUTANTS?
NOT AT ALL, LILA.
BUT IF MANKIND WAITED FOR THE "RIGHT TIME" TO ADDRESS THE WINDS OF CHANGE--
--IT'S UNLIKELY WE'D EVER HAVE CRAWLED FROM THE PRIMORDIAL OOZE.


TWENTY YARDS BELOW THE STAGE...
--THEY'LL BE RAKING CHARLES XAVIER'S MUTANT-LOVING BONES OFF THE GREAT LAWN FOR A MONTH!
NOT TO MENTION THOSE OF LILA CHENEY'S MAKE-UP WOMAN--
--WHO TIPPED US OFF TO THE PROFESSOR'S UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE.
EVERY CAUSE HAS TO HAVE ITS MARTYRS, ANITA.
WE'LL MOURN HER AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING!
SORRY, "FRIENDS".
BRRZT
BRRZT
I'VE GOT FIRST DIBS ON PROFESSOR X.
IF IT MEANS ANYTHING, I MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER--
--BUT HE'LL BE JUST AS DEAD.
STAN LEE PRESENTS THE UNCANNY X-MEN IN
OVERTURE
BEING THE FIRST PART OF THE X-CUTIONER'S SONG
SCOTT LOBDELL - WRITER
BRANDON PETERSON - PENCILER
TERRY AUSTIN - INKER
CHRIS ELIOPOULOS - LETTERER
MIKE THOMAS - COLORIST
BOB HARRAS - EDITOR
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SALEM CENTER, WESTCHESTER.

TO THE TOWNIES IT'S KNOWN AS HARRY'S HIDEAWAY.

Harry's Hideaway

THE STUDENTS OF CHARLES XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS, HOWEVER HAVE DUBBED IT...

...THE DANGER PUB.

JUST HOPE I'M MAKING THE *RIGHT* DECISION. *LOGAN* ASSURES ME THAT WITH *MARIKO'S* DEATH--*

--THE *LAST* THING HE NEEDS IS A FORCED *LEAVE OF ABSENCE* FROM THE X-MEN.

I CAN *SYMPATHIZE* WITH HIM.

I REMEMBER HOW DEVASTATED *I* WAS WHEN I THOUGHT I'D *LOST* JEAN.

*WOLVERINE #57--B.H.

POINT SPECIAL BREW

THE DIFFERENCE BEING, I NEVER HAD A SUPPORT GROUP *OUTSIDE* THE TEAM.

ALL MY *FRIENDS* ARE X-MEN.

ALL MY... *LOVES* ARE...

DOUG DENNIS SAM

...ARE...

HEY, *HANDSOME*--YOUR HEART CAN START *BEATING* AGAIN...

...I'M *BACK*.

GALS

HELLO--*EARTH* TO *SCOTT SUMMERS*...YOU'RE...

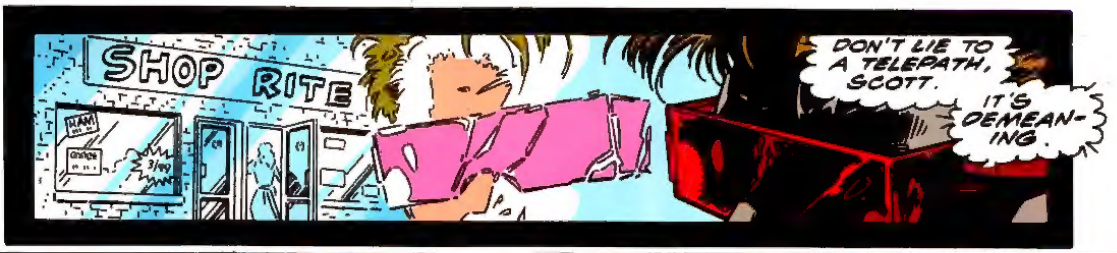
YOU'RE...

YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT *HER*... AGAIN?!

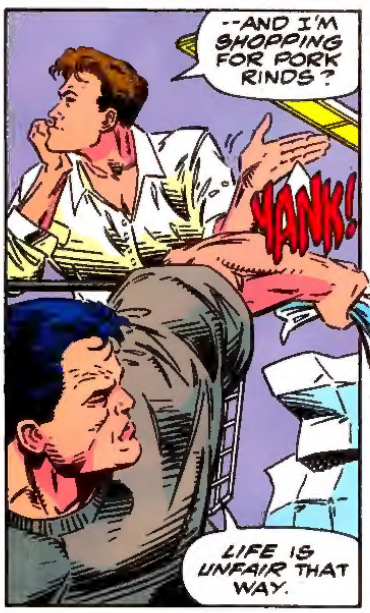
"HER"?

I'M THINKING OF YOU, *JEAN*.

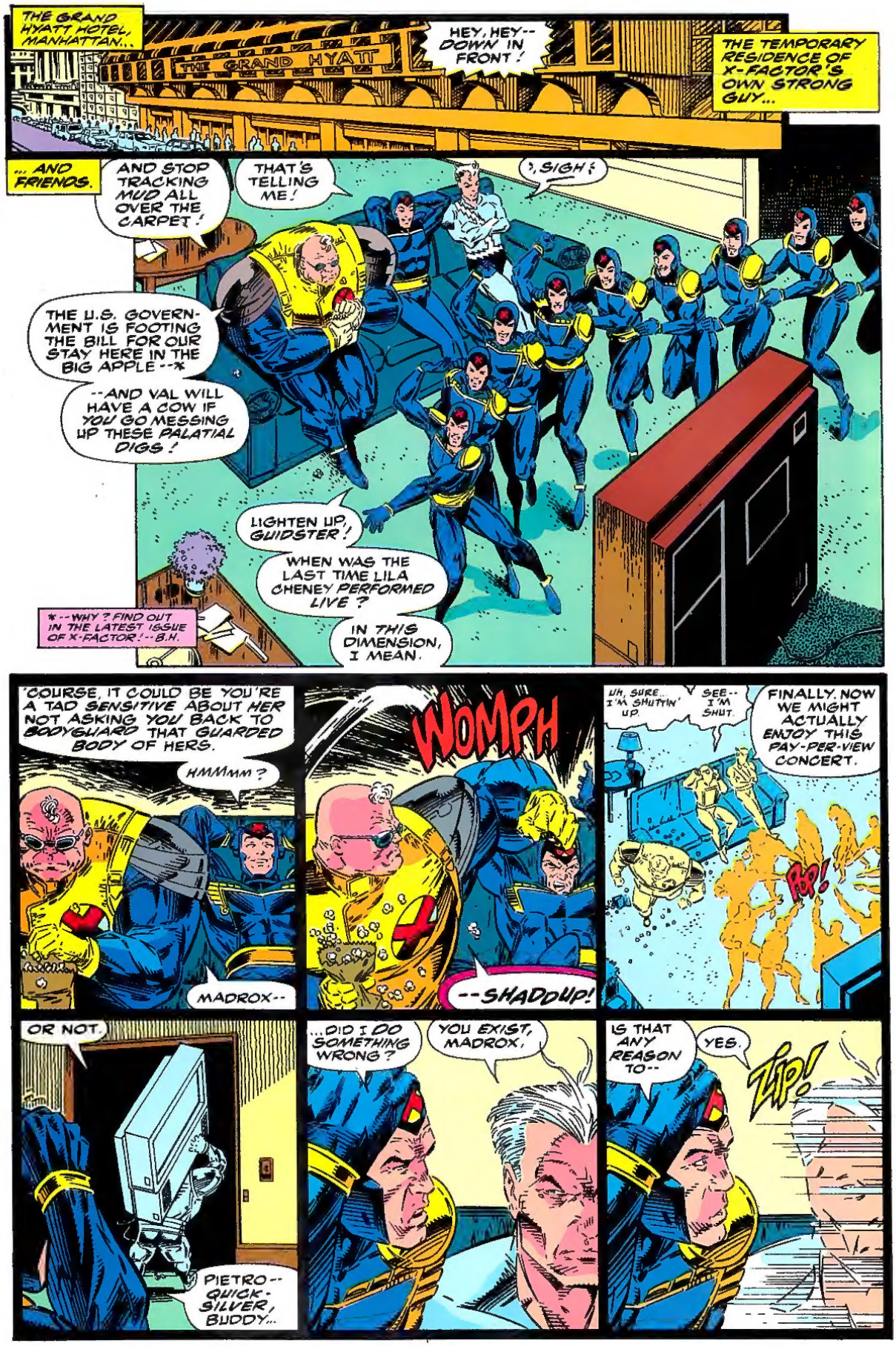
I'M *ALWAYS* THINKING OF YOU.

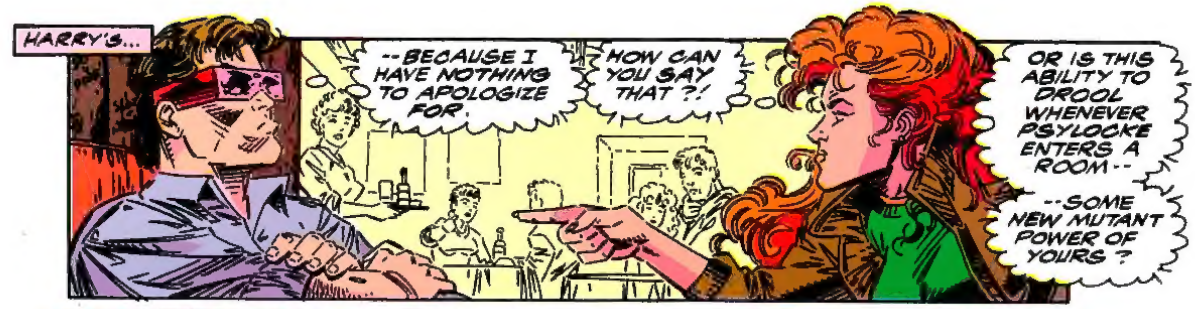


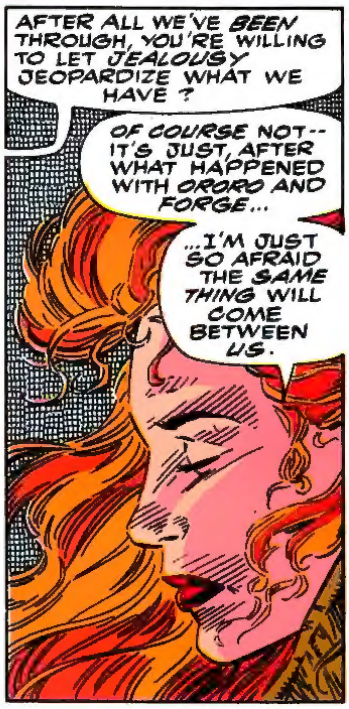
OPAL SAID SHE "NEEDS TIME ALONE TO THINK THINGS THROUGH."
OUCH.
"OUCH?"
"NEEDS TIME ALONE TO THINK THINGS THROUGH," PETER--IS WOMANESE FOR "WE'RE BROKEN UP AND I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU."
I SEE.
THERE'S NO CHANCE SHE'S BEING SINCERE?
hmmmp?
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.
TRY, ROBERT.
MEANWHILE, READ ME THE NAME OF THOSE PORK RINDS LOGAN ASKED US TO BUY.
MY LOVE LIFE IS COMING APART AT THE SEAMS--



* 289-290. --BROKEN-HEARTED BOB


THE GRAND HYATT HOTEL, MANHATTAN...
THE GRAND HYATT
HEY, HEY-- DOWN IN FRONT!
THE TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF X-FACTOR'S OWN STRONG GUY...
... AND FRIENDS.
AND STOP TRACKING MUD ALL OVER THE CARPET!
THAT'S TELLING ME!
;SIGH;
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS FOOTING THE BILL FOR OUR STAY HERE IN THE BIG APPLE--*
--AND VAL WILL HAVE A COW IF YOU GO MESSING UP THESE PALATIAL DIGS!
LIGHTEN UP, GUIDSTER!
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME LILA CHENEY PERFORMED LIVE?
IN THIS DIMENSION, I MEAN.
*--WHY? FIND OUT IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF X-FACTOR!--B.H.
'COURSE, IT COULD BE YOU'RE A TAD SENSITIVE ABOUT HER NOT ASKING YOU BACK TO BODYGUARD THAT GUARDED BODY OF HERS.
HMMMM?
MADROX--
WOMPH
--SHADDUP!
UH, SURE... I'M SHUTTIN' UP.
SEE-- I'M SHUT.
FINALLY. NOW WE MIGHT ACTUALLY ENJOY THIS PAY-PER-VIEW CONCERT.
POP!
OR NOT.
PIETRO-- QUICK-SILVER, BUDDY...
...DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
YOU EXIST, MADROX.
IS THAT ANY REASON TO--
YES.
ZIP!

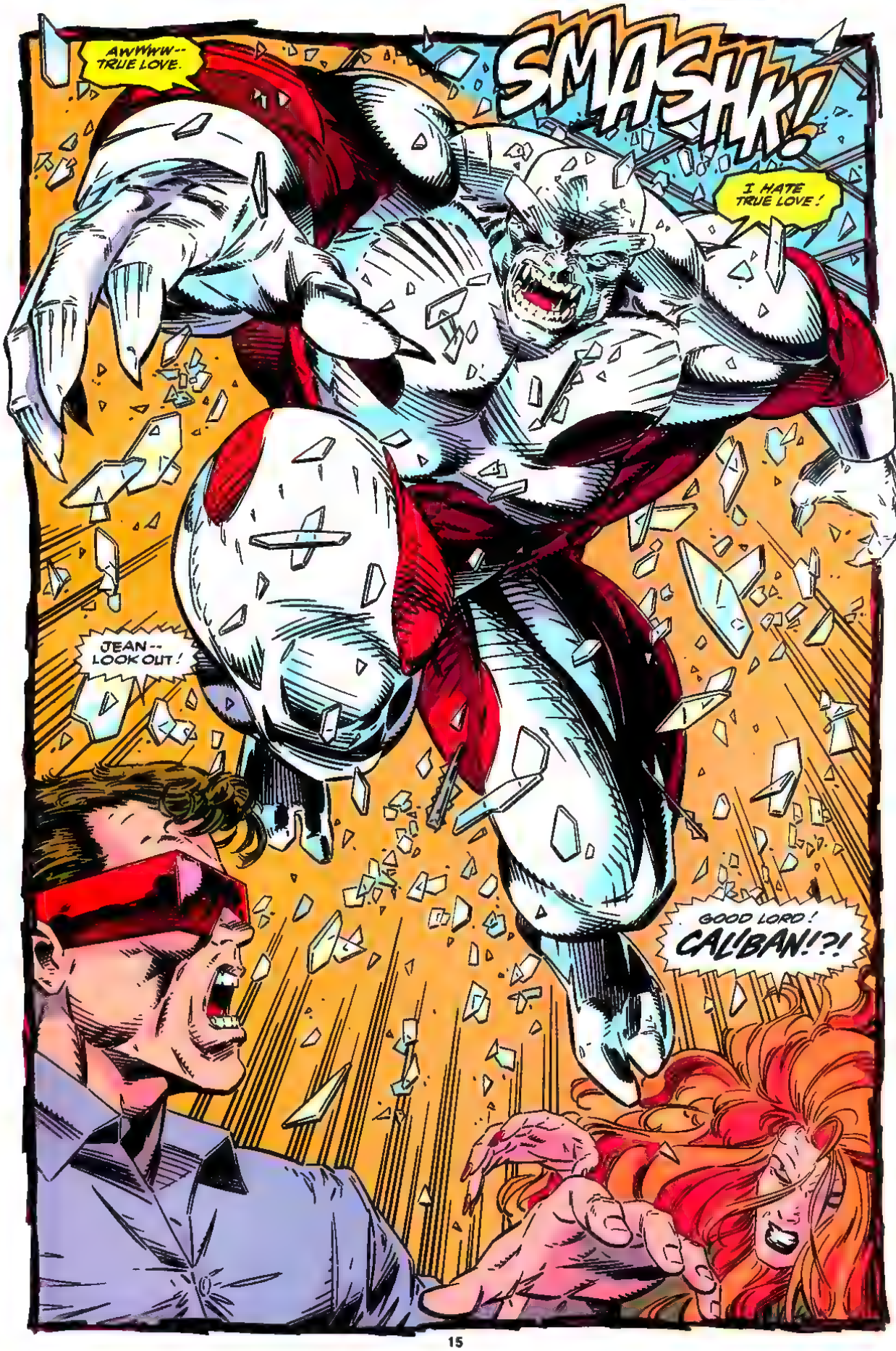


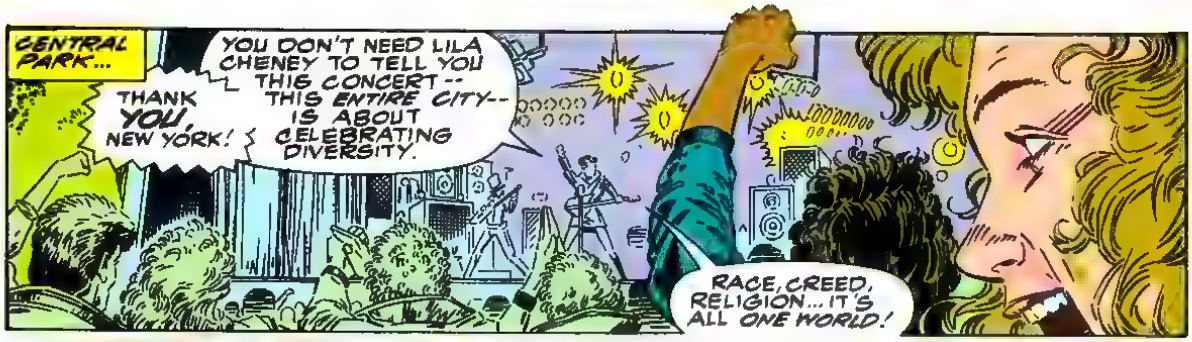


UNLIKE FORGE, I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED--

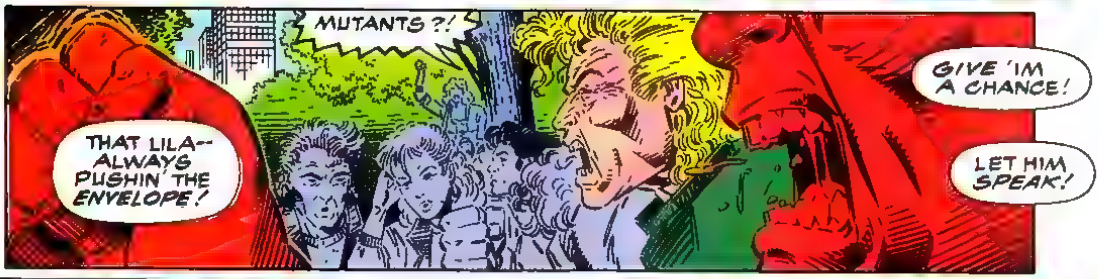
--EVERYTHING I'VE EVER NEEDED...

...RIGHT HERE IN MY ARMS !


AWWWW-- TRUE LOVE.
SMASH!
I HATE TRUE LOVE!
JEAN-- LOOK OUT!
GOOD LORD! CALIBAN!?!

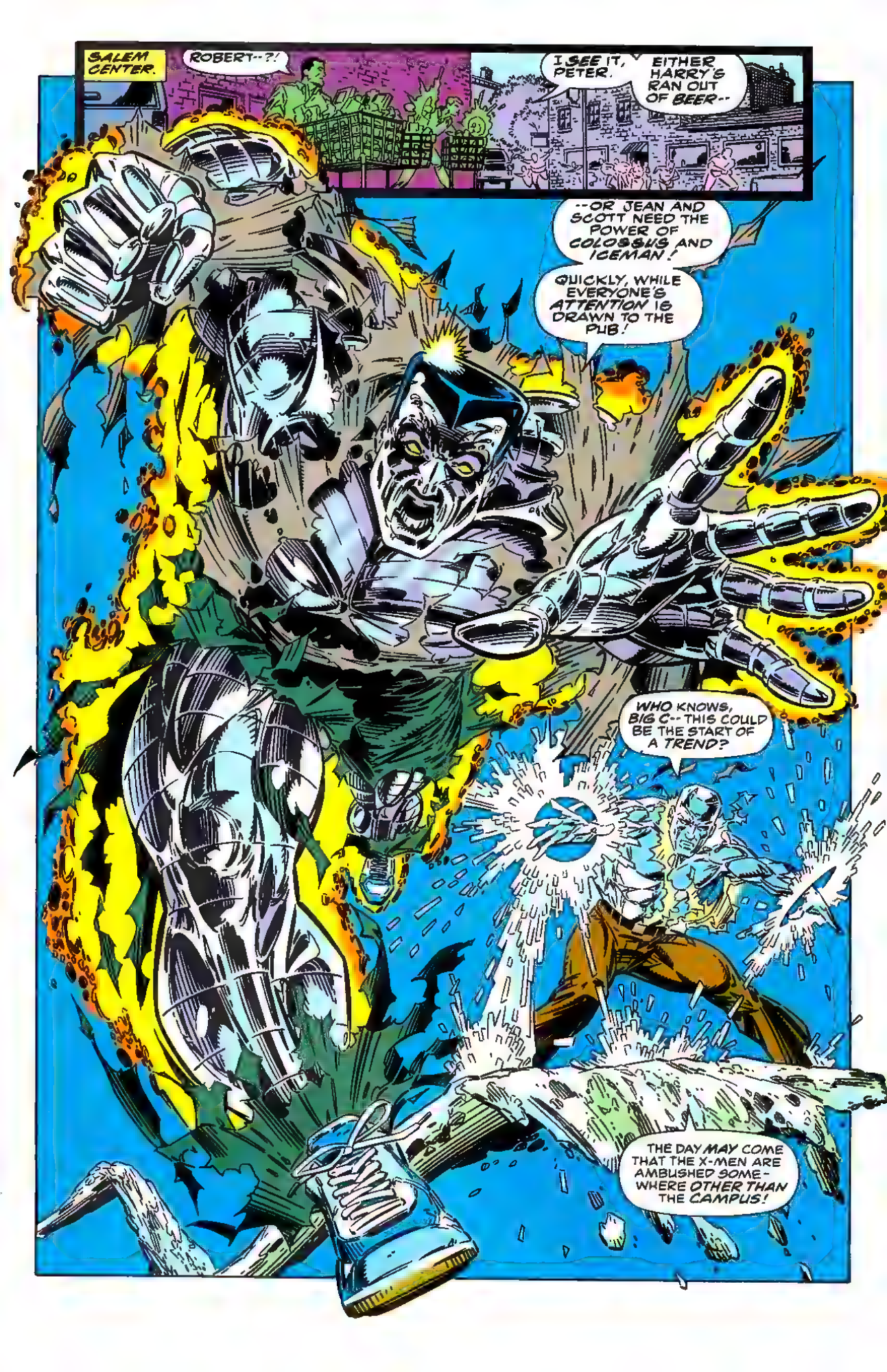

CENTRAL PARK...
THANK YOU, NEW YORK!
YOU DON'T NEED LILA CHENEY TO TELL YOU THIS CONCERT -- THIS ENTIRE CITY-- IS ABOUT CELEBRATING DIVERSITY.
RACE, CREED, RELIGION... IT'S ALL ONE WORLD!

IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT UNITY -- OF BROTHERHOOD AND HARMONY -- I'M PROUD TO INTRODUCE A VERY DEAR FRIEND OF MINE...
...DR. CHARLES XAVIER --
-- THE WORLD'S FOREMOST EXPERT ON THE WORLD'S MOST FEARED AND HATED MINORITY...

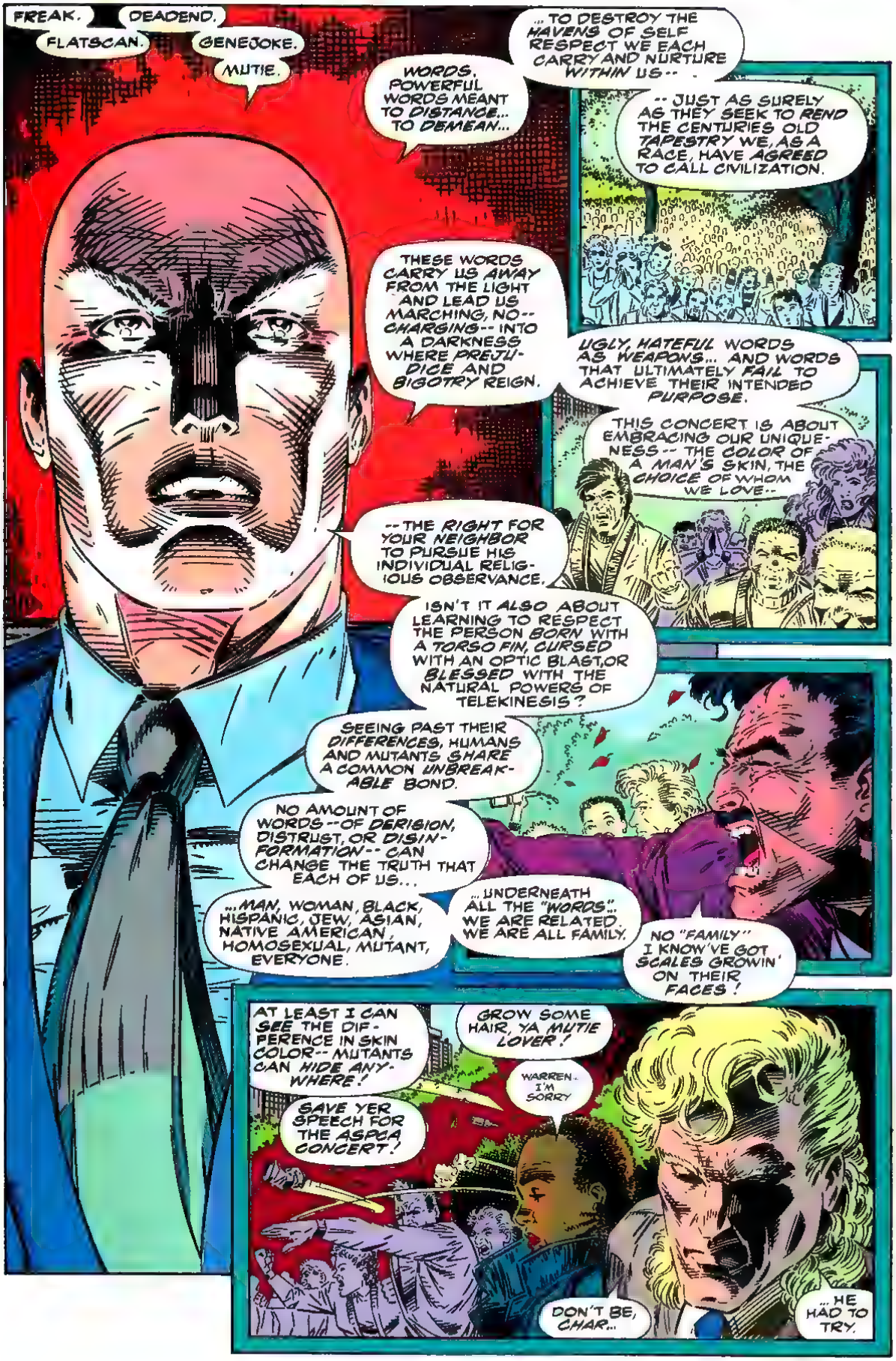

MUTANTS ?!
THAT LILA-- ALWAYS PUSHIN' THE ENVELOPE!
GIVE 'IM A CHANCE!
LET HIM SPEAK!

YOU BELIEVE THIS--?!
SHOOT THE MUTANT-LOVIN' GIMP-- AND THE CHAIR HE RODE IN ON!

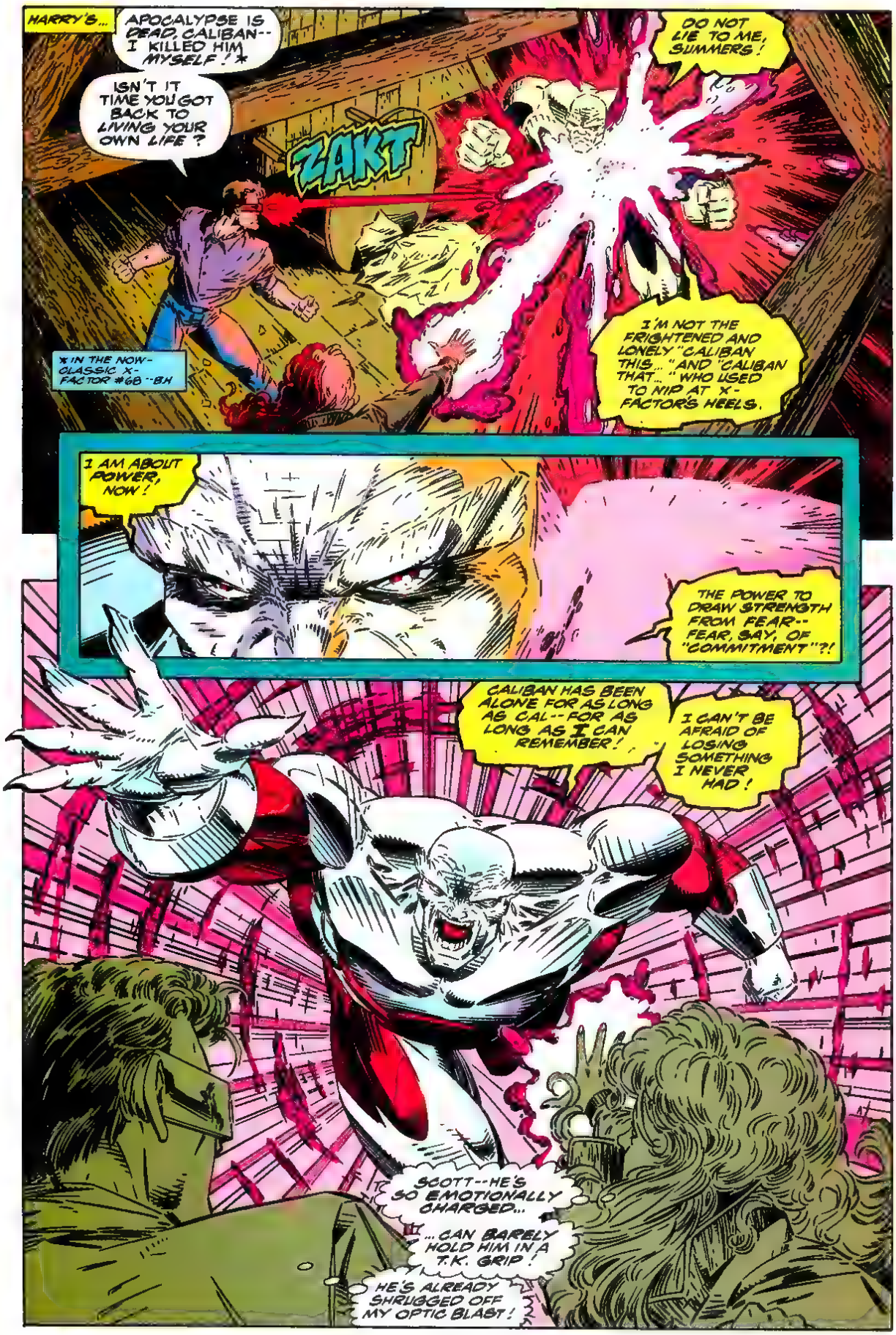
SHUSH
SLAM
IT'S RARE THAT A MAN HAS THE OPPORTUNITY--
-- TO DELIVER HIS OWN EULOGY.


SALEM CENTER.
ROBERT--?!
I SEE IT, PETER.
EITHER HARRY'S RAN OUT OF BEER--
--OR JEAN AND SCOTT NEED THE POWER OF COLOSSUS AND ICEMAN!
QUICKLY, WHILE EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE PUB!
WHO KNOWS, BIG C-- THIS COULD BE THE START OF A TREND?
THE DAY MAY COME THAT THE X-MEN ARE AMBUSHED SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN THE CAMPUS!

WE SHOULD LIVE SO LONG.
BRA-KRA-BOOM
REST ASSURED, X-MEN...
FAMINE AND WAR WILL SEE THAT YOU DON'T!
IN THE NAME OF EVOLUTION... WE CLAIM YOUR WORTHLESS LIVES ON BEHALF OF OUR LORD AND MASTER!
FOR YOU AND YOUR ILK ARE THE WEAK-- PLAGUED BY CONSCIENCE AND CONCERN FOR THE VERMIN THAT IS HUMANITY!
KNOW THEN, THAT YOUR ACTIONS DICTATE YOU WERE BORN ONLY TO PERISH UNDER THE HOOFS OF THE... HORSEMEN OF APOCALYPSE!


FREAK.
DEADEND.
FLATSCAN.
GENEJOKE.
MUTIE.
WORDS. POWERFUL WORDS MEANT TO DISTANCE... TO DEMEAN...
... TO DESTROY THE HAVENS OF SELF RESPECT WE EACH CARRY AND NURTURE WITHIN US--
-- JUST AS SURELY AS THEY SEEK TO REND THE CENTURIES OLD TAPESTRY WE, AS A RACE, HAVE AGREED TO CALL CIVILIZATION.
THESE WORDS CARRY US AWAY FROM THE LIGHT AND LEAD US MARCHING, NO-- CHARGING-- INTO A DARKNESS WHERE PREJUDICE AND BIGOTRY REIGN.
UGLY, HATEFUL WORDS AS WEAPONS... AND WORDS THAT ULTIMATELY FAIL TO ACHIEVE THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE.
THIS CONCERT IS ABOUT EMBRACING OUR UNIQUENESS-- THE COLOR OF A MAN'S SKIN, THE CHOICE OF WHOM WE LOVE--
-- THE RIGHT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR TO PURSUE HIS INDIVIDUAL RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE.
ISN'T IT ALSO ABOUT LEARNING TO RESPECT THE PERSON BORN WITH A TORSO FIN, CURSED WITH AN OPTIC BLAST, OR BLESSED WITH THE NATURAL POWERS OF TELEKINESIS?
SEEING PAST THEIR DIFFERENCES, HUMANS AND MUTANTS SHARE A COMMON UNBREAKABLE BOND.
NO AMOUNT OF WORDS--OF DERISION, DISTRUST, OR DISINFORMATION-- CAN CHANGE THE TRUTH THAT EACH OF US...
...MAN, WOMAN, BLACK, HISPANIC, JEW, ASIAN, NATIVE AMERICAN, HOMOSEXUAL, MUTANT, EVERYONE.
...UNDERNEATH ALL THE "WORDS"... WE ARE RELATED. WE ARE ALL FAMILY.
NO "FAMILY" I KNOW'VE GOT SCALES GROWIN' ON THEIR FACES!
AT LEAST I CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN SKIN COLOR-- MUTANTS CAN HIDE ANYWHERE!
GROW SOME HAIR, YA MUTIE LOVER!
WARREN. I'M SORRY
SAVE YER SPEECH FOR THE ASPCA CONCERT!
DON'T BE, CHAR...
... HE HAD TO TRY.

B-BRAM!
CHA--
CHARLES!
HOLY...
...SOMEONE SHOT PROFESSOR XAVIER!
NOT JUST ANYONE, PAL.
THE NAME IS CABLE--BUT THE WORLD WILL KNOW ME AS... THE MAN WHO SAVED TOMORROW!


HARRY'S...
APOCALYPSE IS DEAD, CALIBAN-- I KILLED HIM MYSELF! *
ISN'T IT TIME YOU GOT BACK TO LIVING YOUR OWN LIFE?
ZAKT
DO NOT LIE TO ME, SUMMERS!
I'M NOT THE FRIGHTENED AND LONELY "CALIBAN THIS..." AND "CALIBAN THAT..." WHO USED TO NIP AT X-FACTOR'S HEELS.
* IN THE NOW-CLASSIC X-FACTOR #68--BH
I AM ABOUT POWER, NOW!
THE POWER TO DRAW STRENGTH FROM FEAR-- FEAR, SAY, OF "COMMITMENT"?!
CALIBAN HAS BEEN ALONE FOR AS LONG AS CAL--FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER!
I CAN'T BE AFRAID OF LOSING SOMETHING I NEVER HAD!
SCOTT--HE'S SO EMOTIONALLY CHARGED...
...CAN BARELY HOLD HIM IN A T.K. GRIP!
HE'S ALREADY SHRUGGED OFF MY OPTIC BLAST!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

I've been excitedly waiting, month after month, to make this awesome announcement! And now, at last, the time has come! So fasten your seat belts, compadres, while I lay the skinny on ya!

The most exhilaratingly excellent, exotically exciting and exorbitantly extravagant X-MEN ANIMATED TV SERIES is finally ready to hit the tube! The first thirteen thrill-a-minute episodes, featuring everybody's favorite multi-powered mob of mutants, in all their award-winning glory, will soon be on their way to you!

But even though we at mighty Marvel have done most of the heavy work, there's still something you've gotta do! It's up to you to check the TV listings of the friendly Fox Network to see the exact time and day you can catch the newest and greatest action spectacular since Wolverine forgot to retract his claws when scratching an itch!

Speaking of Wolvie, you're probably wondering which of our militant menage of marvelous muties will be featured in the all-new, all-animated X-MEN series! Well, wonder no more, believers!

For starters, you'll be seeing some of your old favorites fighting side-by-side with, for, and against some of our wildest newies! Naturally, we wouldn't dream of doing an animated X-MEN series without the startling savagery of Wolverine! Nor would we dare to omit the stunningly sensational Storm! (Or, should it be the sensationally stunning Storm? It's not easy writing this stuff when you know the most critical readers in comicdom are sagaciously scrutinizing every wondrous word!) Anyway, here's a partial list of some other mutant merrymakers who'll dazzle your eyes and stagger your senses: Cyclops! Rogue! Jubilee! Gambit! Professor X! Jean Grey! Cable! — and that's just for starters! You'll also thrill to the delicious deviltry of Magneto, Sabretooth, Mystique, The Sentinels, Apocalypse, and many more too numerous to — no, that's not it! I just can't spell the others!

Very often, when a literary property is transferred to tv, it's changed so much that you can hardly recognize it. Well, not this time! The X-MEN you're gonna see on the Fox Network is the same X-Men you can't get enough of in our mags! Same characters! Same type of stories! Same action and drama! It's our merry mutants as you've always wanted to see them!

Well, I'll close now before you let your emotions get the better of you! But in case I didn't make myself clear— it's the X-MEN! It's animated! It's on Fox TV! Check it out!

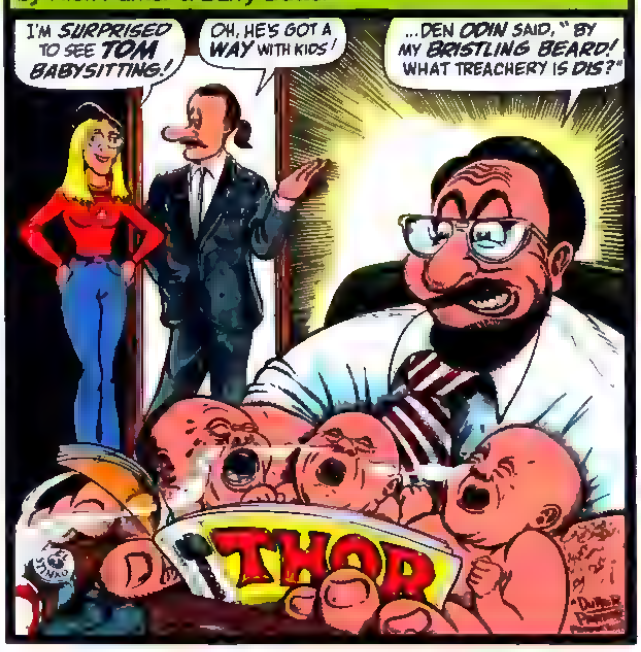
Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee
(Mr. Low-key)

THE BULL'S EYE

by Rick Parker & Barry Dutter



September is a time for rebirth and renewal ... a time for a new season of *Herman's Head* to start up ... a time for a return to the thrill of learning in school, after suffering through an endless, boring summer. It's autumn now ... a time for brown things to fall from trees, only to be raked into piles and set on fire (no, we're not talking about squirrels!).

September is not only a time for rebirth, but one for birth, as well, as this month, through the magic of lead time, we celebrate the June arrivals of a couple of new leaves on the Marvel family tree. **Chuck** (PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL) **Dixon** and his sharpshootin' wife **Elma** are the proud parents of a little son of a gun named **Cullen Thane**. The boy weighed in at well over nine pounds, and already has reportedly started spending time at the shooting range.

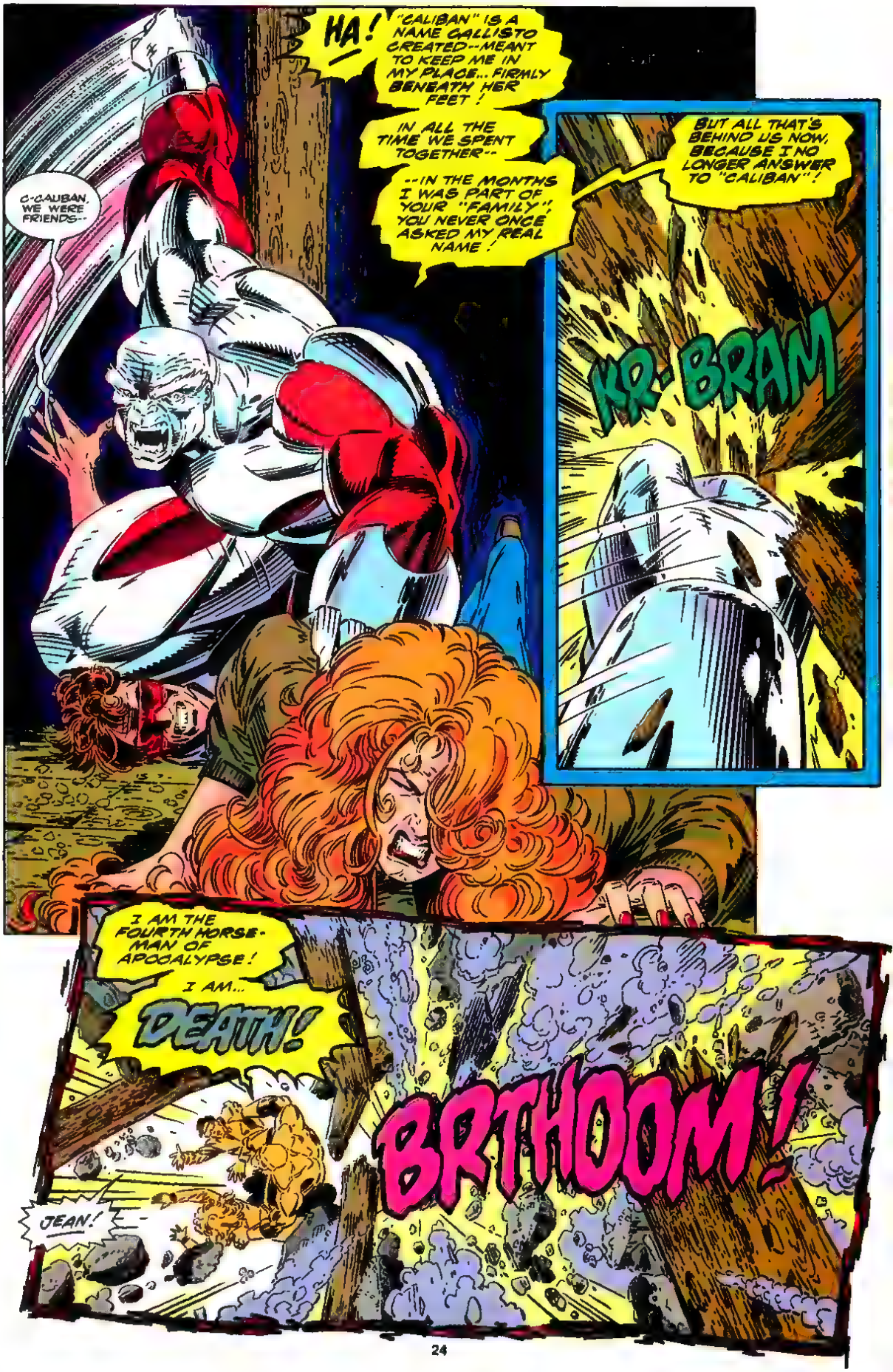
WEB OF SPIDER-MAN inker **Keith Williams** and his wife **Marjet** have also expanded their family web with the addition of a swinging baby girl named **Victoria Hope**, weighing in at six pounds. Keith reports no spiders — radioactive or otherwise — were present at the birth.

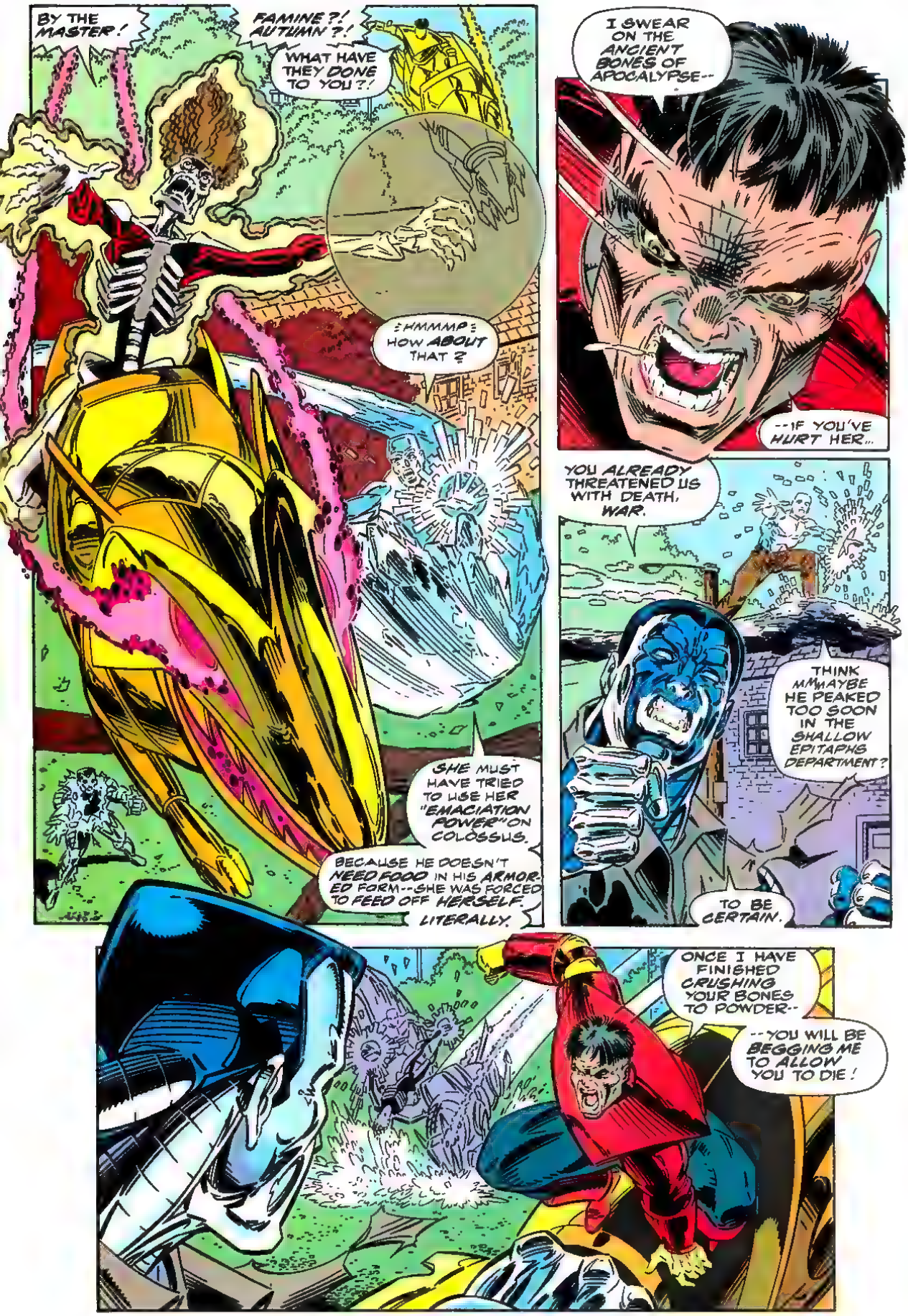
The past few months have seen the birth of a nationwide resurgence of interest in comics by the outside world; in fact, recently a bunch of Marveloids were left hanging — in a gallery, that is! On June 18-July 18, the Maryland Art Place in Baltimore sponsored a Show of Sequential Art featuring local comics artists, some of whom happened to be Marveloids. Exhibiting their work in the show were **Greg** (DEATHLOK) **Wright** (who was born with a Silver Sable in his mouth), **Jae** (NAMOR) **Lee**, **Ron** (WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING) **Wilson**, and **Bernie** (PUNISHER:POV) **Wrightson**. All the work in the show was for sale, offering the general public a rare opportunity to view original comic art, and actually purchase a piece for their own collections to hang on their refrigerators with magnets.

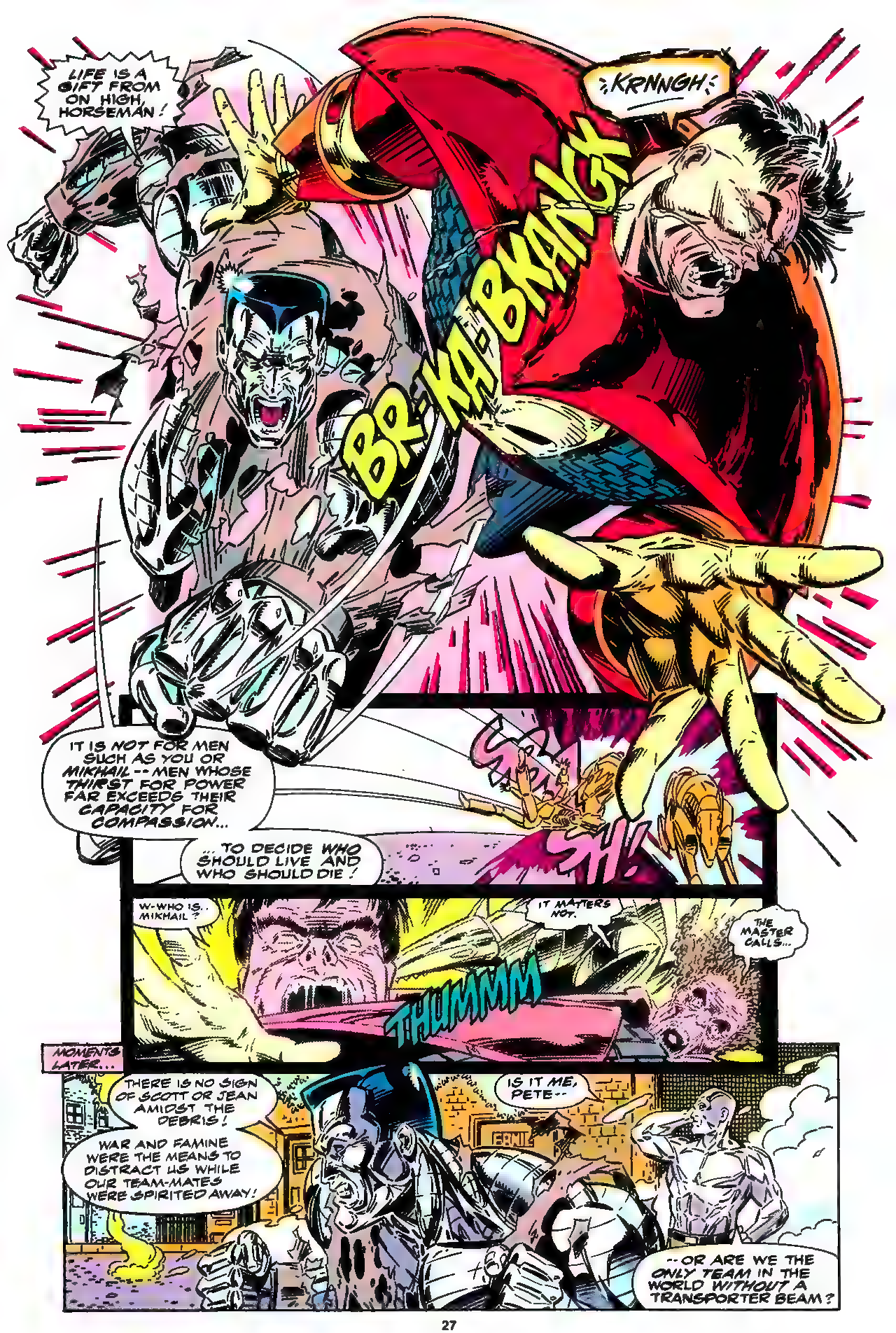
Also doing the gallery thing this summer was BARBIE-writer **Barbara Slate**, who hails from modern Baby-lon. From August 1-18, Barbara had an exhibit of some of her YUPPIES FROM HELL art featured at the Elaine Benson Gallery in Bridgehampton, NY. Barbara created several new pieces for the show — all YUPPIE-inspired — including large panels, a painting, and a 3-D collage. Barbara described the new pieces as "taking my comic book art to another dimension!" Yet another example of how comics are becoming more legit all the time. We've come a long way, baby!

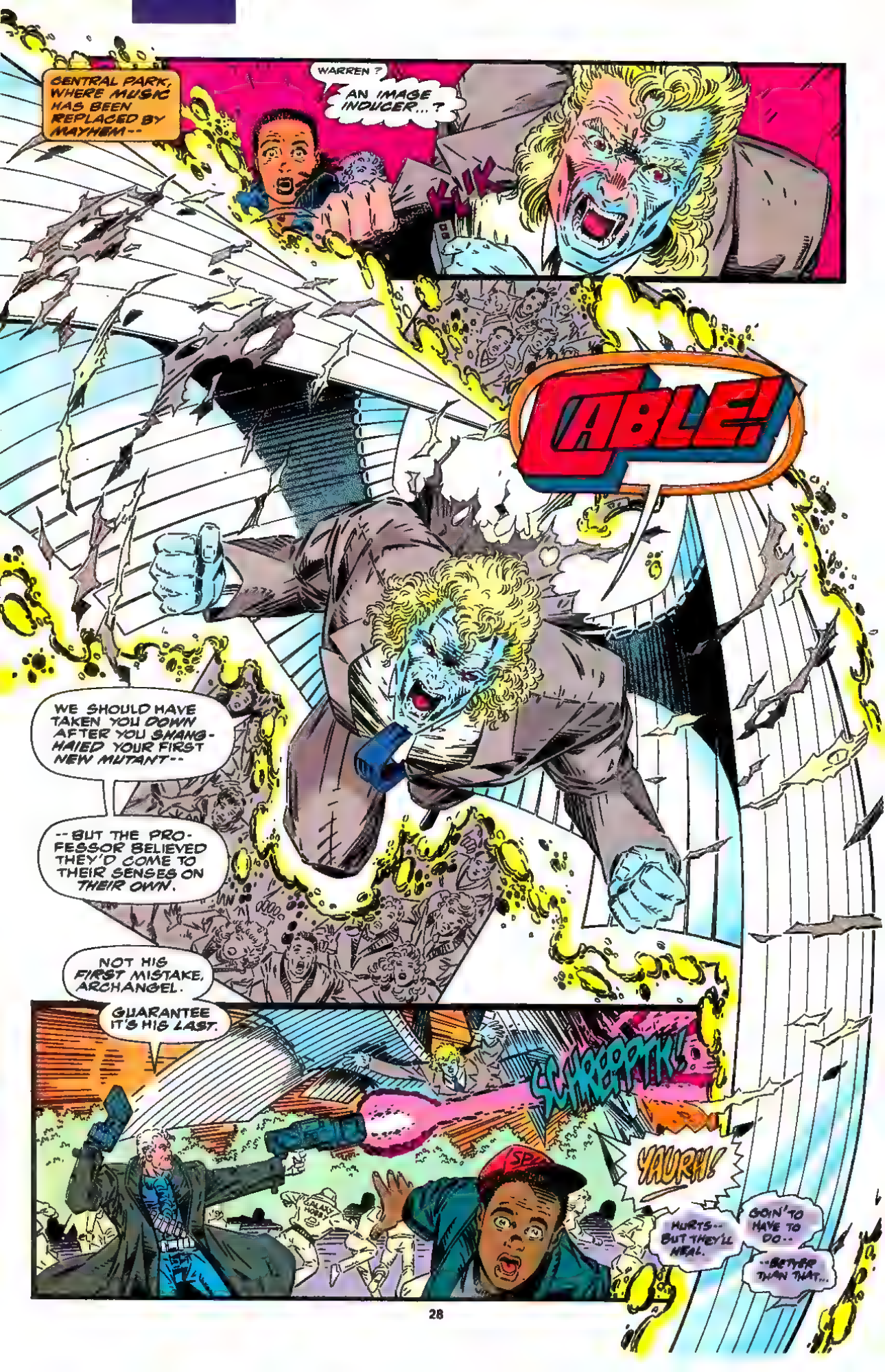
Also coming a long way were West Coasters **Mark Evanier** and **Ernie Chan** — neither of whom was born yesterday, ya know. Mark is one of the new writers of the new Bob Newhart television series, entitled "Bob," in which everyone's favorite psychiatrist/inn-keeper portrays a comic book writer! Mark was also in town to discuss the plans for GROO #100. Inker supreme Ernie, who works on Groo's spiritual twin, Conan the Barbarian over in the pages of SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, also stopped in for a couple weeks. Ernie came mostly to try to get as many free lunches as he could, but also wound up doing a couple of nifty Hulk pin-ups, as well!

Well, we could run on and on about this, but that would be like throwing out the Bullpen with the bathwater! So we'll leave you with these words: Remember, there's a Marveloid born every minute!

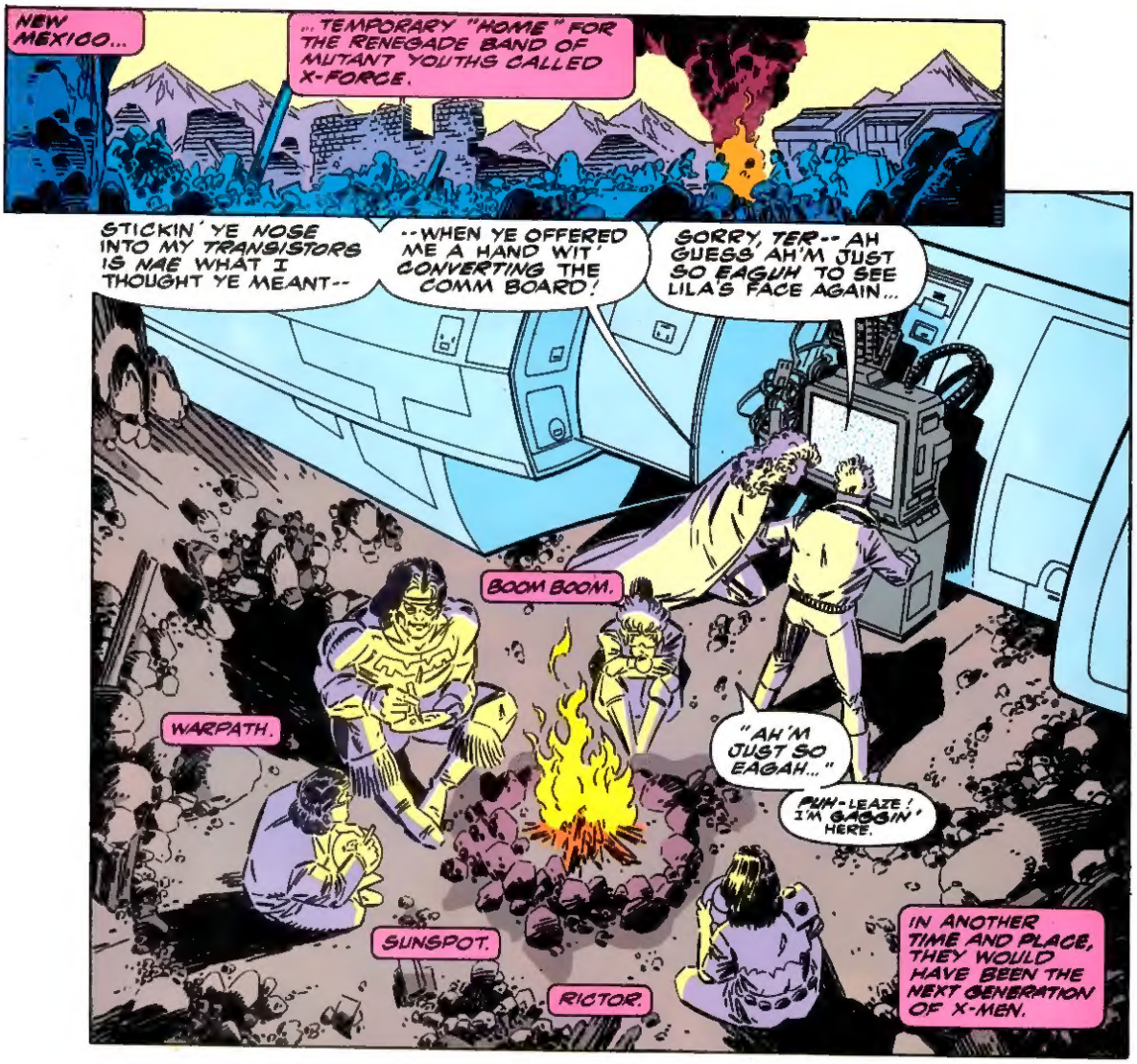

C-CALIBAN, WE WERE FRIENDS--
HA!
"CALIBAN" IS A NAME CALLISTO CREATED--MEANT TO KEEP ME IN MY PLACE... FIRMLY BENEATH HER FEET!
IN ALL THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER--
--IN THE MONTHS I WAS PART OF YOUR "FAMILY", YOU NEVER ONCE ASKED MY REAL NAME!
BUT ALL THAT'S BEHIND US NOW, BECAUSE I NO LONGER ANSWER TO "CALIBAN"!
KR-BRAM
I AM THE FOURTH HORSEMAN OF APOCALYPSE!
I AM...
DEATH!
BRTHOOM!
JEAN!

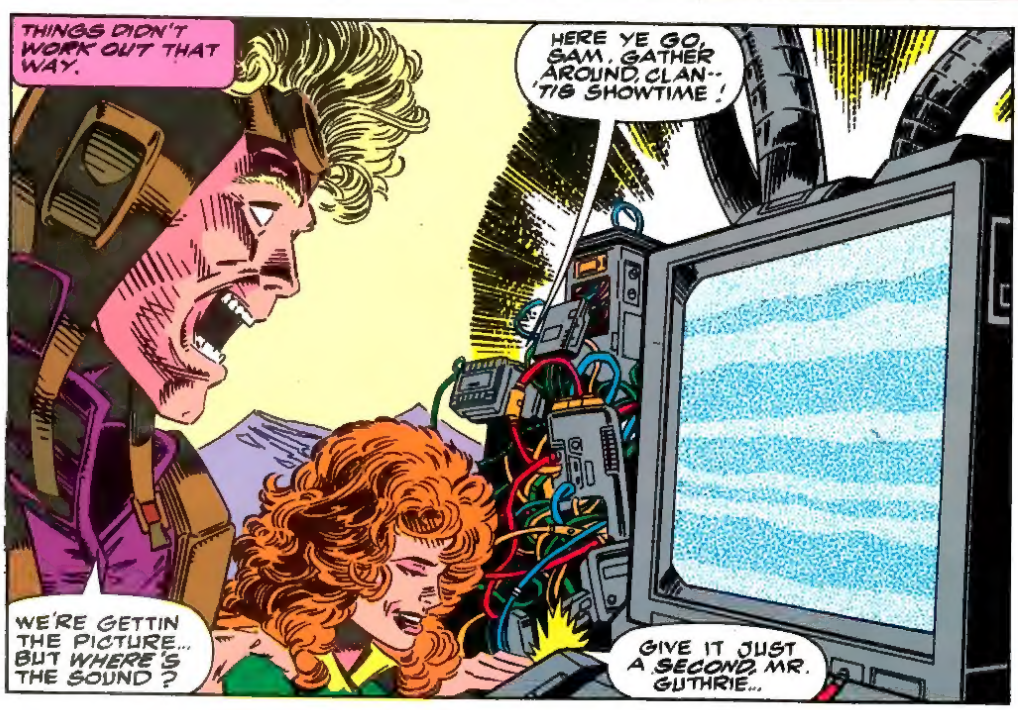

BY THE MASTER!
FAMINE?! AUTUMN?!
WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?!
:HMMMP: HOW ABOUT THAT?
SHE MUST HAVE TRIED TO USE HER "EMACIATION POWER" ON COLOSSUS.
BECAUSE HE DOESN'T NEED FOOD IN HIS ARMORED FORM--SHE WAS FORCED TO FEED OFF HERSELF. LITERALLY.
I SWEAR ON THE ANCIENT BONES OF APOCALYPSE--
--IF YOU'VE HURT HER...
YOU ALREADY THREATENED US WITH DEATH, WAR.
THINK MMMAYBE HE PEAKED TOO SOON IN THE SHALLOW EPITAPHS DEPARTMENT?
TO BE CERTAIN.
ONCE I HAVE FINISHED CRUSHING YOUR BONES TO POWDER--
--YOU WILL BE BEGGING ME TO ALLOW YOU TO DIE!

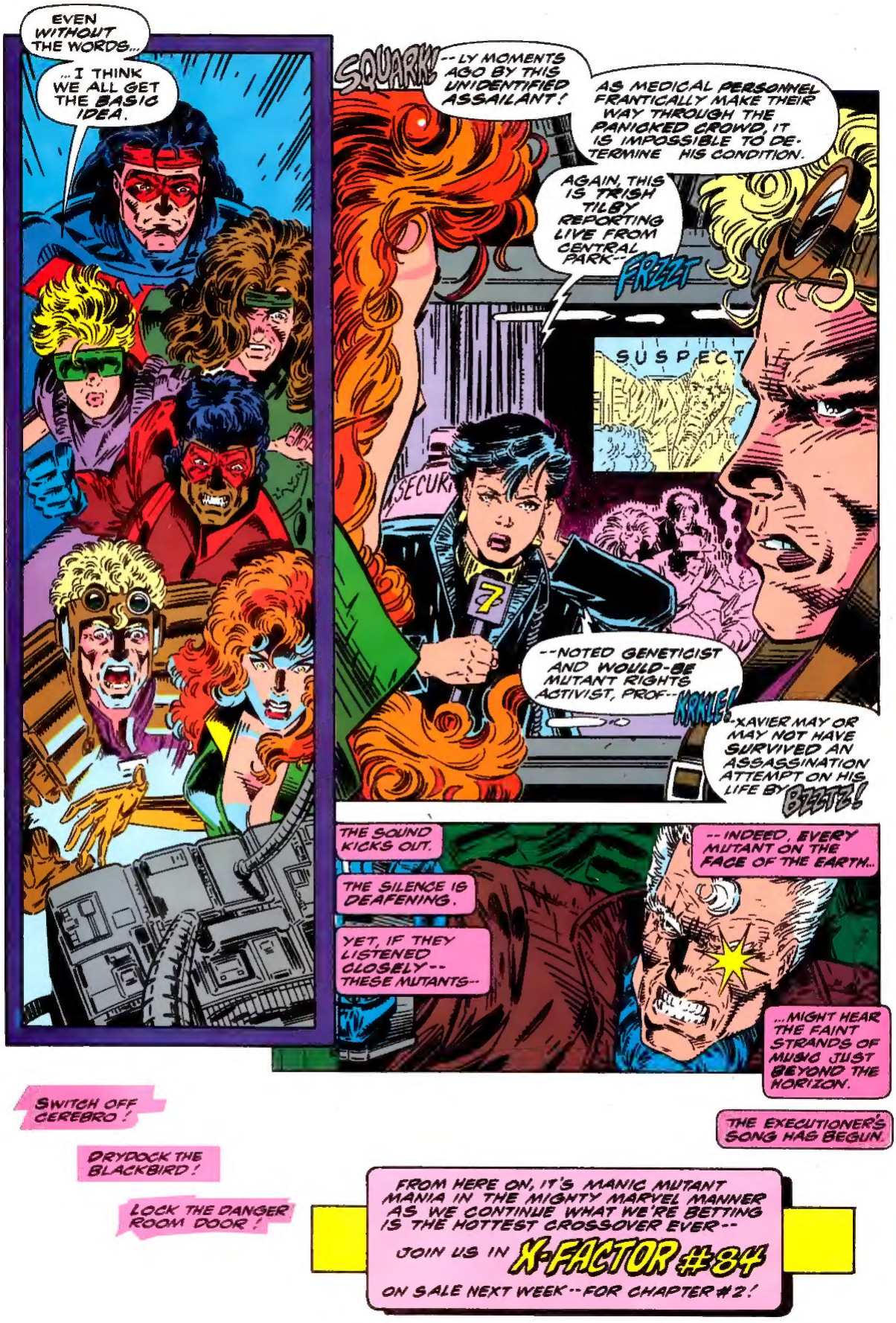

LIFE IS A GIFT FROM ON HIGH, HORSEMAN!
KRNNGH!
BR-KA-BKANGK
IT IS NOT FOR MEN SUCH AS YOU OR MIKHAIL -- MEN WHOSE THIRST FOR POWER FAR EXCEEDS THEIR CAPACITY FOR COMPASSION...
... TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD LIVE AND WHO SHOULD DIE!
SH!
W-WHO IS.. MIKHAIL?
IT MATTERS NOT.
THE MASTER CALLS...
THUMMM
MOMENTS LATER...
THERE IS NO SIGN OF SCOTT OR JEAN AMIDST THE DEBRIS!
WAR AND FAMINE WERE THE MEANS TO DISTRACT US WHILE OUR TEAM-MATES WERE SPIRITED AWAY!
IS IT ME, PETE--
--OR ARE WE THE ONLY TEAM IN THE WORLD WITHOUT A TRANSPORTER BEAM?


CENTRAL PARK, WHERE MUSIC HAS BEEN REPLACED BY MAYHEM--
WARREN ?
AN IMAGE INDUCER...?
KLIK
CABLE!
WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN YOU DOWN AFTER YOU SHANGHAIED YOUR FIRST NEW MUTANT--
--BUT THE PROFESSOR BELIEVED THEY'D COME TO THEIR SENSES ON THEIR OWN.
NOT HIS FIRST MISTAKE, ARCHANGEL.
GUARANTEE IT'S HIS LAST.
SCHREEPTIK!
YAURH!
HURTS-- BUT THEY'LL HEAL.
GOIN' TO HAVE TO DO--
--BETTER THAN THAT...

TRUST ME.
FRA-BOOD-AM!
CHARLES! YOU WERE CORRECT, BISHOP. WE SHOULD NEVER--
"NEVER" WHAT, CHILD?
I HAVE.
NEVER... HOPED?
NEVER... DARED TO...
DREAM?
OH, GOD! STORM, BISHOP... WE'RE LOSING HIM!
YOU'VE ALREADY LOST HIM.
YOU JUST DON'T REALIZE IT YET.
BODYSLIDE BY ONE.
CELEBRATION BOUND.
NO!


NEW MEXICO...
...TEMPORARY "HOME" FOR THE RENEGADE BAND OF MUTANT YOUTHS CALLED X-FORCE.
STICKIN' YE NOSE INTO MY TRANSISTORS IS NAE WHAT I THOUGHT YE MEANT--
--WHEN YE OFFERED ME A HAND WIT' CONVERTING THE COMM BOARD!
SORRY, TER-- AH GUESS AH'M JUST SO EAGUH TO SEE LILA'S FACE AGAIN...
BOOM BOOM.
WARPATH.
"AH'M JUST SO EAGAH..."
PUH-LEAZE! I'M GAGGIN' HERE.
SUNSPOT.
RICTOR.
IN ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE NEXT GENERATION OF X-MEN.


THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY.
HERE YE GO, SAM. GATHER AROUND, CLAN-- 'TIS SHOWTIME!
WE'RE GETTIN THE PICTURE... BUT WHERE'S THE SOUND?
GIVE IT JUST A SECOND, MR. GUTHRIE...


EVEN WITHOUT THE WORDS...
...I THINK WE ALL GET THE BASIC IDEA.
SQUARK!
--LY MOMENTS AGO BY THIS UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANT!
AS MEDICAL PERSONNEL FRANTICALLY MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE PANICKED CROWD, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HIS CONDITION.
AGAIN, THIS IS TRISH TILBY REPORTING LIVE FROM CENTRAL PARK--
FRZZT
SUSPECT
SECURI
--NOTED GENETICIST AND WOULD-BE MUTANT RIGHTS ACTIVIST, PROF--
KRKLE!
...XAVIER MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE SURVIVED AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE BY
BZZTZ!
THE SOUND KICKS OUT.
THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING.
YET, IF THEY LISTENED CLOSELY-- THESE MUTANTS--
--INDEED, EVERY MUTANT ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH...
...MIGHT HEAR THE FAINT STRANDS OF MUSIC JUST BEYOND THE HORIZON.
THE EXECUTIONER'S SONG HAS BEGUN.
SWITCH OFF CEREBRO!
DRYDOCK THE BLACKBIRD!
LOCK THE DANGER ROOM DOOR!
FROM HERE ON, IT'S MANIC MUTANT MANIA IN THE MIGHTY MARVEL MANNER AS WE CONTINUE WHAT WE'RE BETTING IS THE HOTTEST CROSSOVER EVER--
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